



# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of West Coast Gas Company, Inc. (U910G) to Revise its Gas Rates and Tariffs.

Application 20-09-002

# E-MAIL RULING NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

Dated February 12, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge

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This ruling supersedes the email ruling sent on February 10, 2021 and is issued to correct a clerical error. There are no substantial changes to the ruling.

## Parties to Proceeding A.20-09-002:

This email ruling establishes a remote public participation hearing (PPH) for West Coast Gas's (WCG's) Test Year 2021 General Rate Case Application (GRC Application) using live streaming and telephonic services. WCG shall provide notice of this remote PPH to customers via a billing insert and through notices in local newspapers, as described below. The PPH is intended to be an opportunity for WCG customers to communicate directly with the Commission regarding the changes WCG proposes in its GRC Application.

While the Commission remains committed to providing customers with a variety of accessible forums to provide input to its proceedings, at this time, it remains unclear when it will be safe to resume public gatherings in person. In light of these safety concerns, this ruling schedules a remote PPH using live video streaming and telephonic services. Details regarding how to participate in the remote PPH is described below. Written public comments may also be provided at any time during the proceeding using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the Docket Card for A.20-09-002 (https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/A2009002 Comments).

PPH Date and Time: March 23, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PPH website link: <a href="http://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc">http://adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc</a>

PPH telephone number for dialing in:

Call Toll-Free: 800-857-1917

Enter Public passcode: 5180519

Participants may observe the PPH via the webcast information provided above. To provide public comment, participants should use the toll-free telephone number and participant code. When it is time for public comment, the Administrative Law Judge will make an announcement through the telephone line for those who wish to speak. Participants who wish to speak will then press "star one" to alert the operator, who will then queue the speakers one-at-a-time and announce each speaker's name at the allotted time.

#### **PPH Billing Notice**

WCG shall prepare a single bill insert notice informing its customers of the PPH and provide a draft of the notice to the Commission's Public Advisor's Office within 7 days of the date of this notice. The draft notice shall inform WCG's customers about the upcoming remote PPHs, including the purpose of the PPH, a summary of the changes WCG is requesting in this Application, as well as the date, time, and how to participate in the streaming and

telephonic services for the remote PPHs. The Public Advisor's Office may alter or require changes to the bill insert notice.

After the Public Advisor's Office approves the language in the bill insert notice, WCG shall include the notice in the monthly bills of all its customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may be given electronically. Where customer email addresses are available, WCG should also provide the notice through direct email communication.

### **PPH Newspaper Notices**

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(c) of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, WCG shall also cause the approved notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in WCG's general service area not less than five days before the first PPHs. At a minimum, the notice shall be posted in the Sacramento Bee for WCG customers living in the Mather area and in the Modesto Bee for WCG customers living in the Castle area. WCG shall also prominently post a notice of the PPH on its website and in all of their offices where customers come into contact with WCG customer service representatives.

WCG shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the first PPH, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers, the method used, and the approximate number of customers notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached. The compliance letter shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting.

### Therefore, IT IS RULED that:

- 1. The schedule for the public participation hearings is set forth above.
- 2. West Coast Gas (WCG) shall provide customer notice of the public participation hearings via direct mailing and the Internet, as set forth above. Where customer email addresses are available, WCG shall also provide the notice through direct email communication.
- 3. West Coast Gas (WCG) shall cause the approved notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in its general service area at least five days prior to the first public participation hearing.
- 4. West Coast Gas (WCG) shall also prominently post a notice of the public participation hearings on their website and in all their offices where customers come into contact with a WCG customer service representative.
- 5. West Coast Gas shall provide the Commission's Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to the first public participation hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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